

Senior Judge Frank T. Hazel, Delaware County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Frank T. Hazel was appointed to the Court in 1981 by Gov. Dick Thornburgh and was elected to a ten-year term commencing in 1982. Judge Hazel was retained for a second ten-year term commencing in 1992 and a third ten-year term commencing in 2002. In January 2012, Judge Hazel assumed Senior Judge status.

Prior to his elevation to the Bench, Judge Hazel served as District Attorney of Delaware County for six years. During his tenure as District Attorney, Judge Hazel served as President of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association and Chairman of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association's Task Force on Wire-tapping and Electronic Surveillance. He has been a member of several committees of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and was a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

Judge Hazel successfully completed the General Jurisdiction Course at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada and a course in Advanced Constitutional Criminal Law presented by the American Academy of Judicial Education. He served as President of the Guy G. deFuria American Inn of Court and has lectured on behalf of the Delaware County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Villanova University School of Law and St. Joseph's University

He is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and Villanova School of Law, where he was awarded a Ford Foundation fellowship upon his graduation.